

## Ruffo Follows Galli-Curci to the Metropolitan

Famous Barytone of the Chicago Opera Company Engaged by Mr. Gatti-Casazza.

Titia Ruffo, one of the most famous of operatic barytones, will join the singing forces of the Metropolitan Opera House next season. No statement to this effect emanated yesterday from the office of Mr. Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, but it was learned upon excellent authority that the eminent singer will be heard at Broadway and Fortieth street next winter.

Mr. Ruffo has been heard with the Chicago Opera Company several seasons, including this, as one of its leading singers. At the close of its last season, a few weeks ago, it was reported that he would join the Metropolitan forces, but he denied at the time that such an offer had been made to him.

The barytone follows Mrs. Amelita Galli-Curci from the Chicago company into the Metropolitan. The famous coloratura soprano will begin her engagement at the Metropolitan early in the new year.

## ITALIAN GRAND OPERA CURTAILS ITS SEASON

Cancels To-night's Performance at Lexington Theatre.

The Italian Lyric Federation, which opened a period of grand opera in the Lexington Theatre with performances Friday and Saturday night, last week with Leopoldo Mugnone, a conductor of high standing in Italy, as chief conductor, has been obliged to curtail its season because of a lack of public support. A performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" announced for to-night under the leadership of Signor Mugnone, has been abandoned. It still is the purpose of the company to give a performance of "Carmen" in the Brooklyn Academy of Music Thursday night, but further than that the Federation had, it was said at the Lexington yesterday, made no plans for the future.

The difficulty of an official member of the Federation said yesterday, had its basis in the fact that no adequate arrangements had been made for an advance subscription during the proposed season of four weeks in New York and Brooklyn. With no such assurance of public support and no guaranty for to-night under the Lyric Federation, the company found it necessary to rely for its current expenses upon the box office sale, which has been disappointing.

## MRS. HARDING RECEIVES M. RENE VIVIANI

Former French Premier Calls at the White House.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau.  
Washington, D. C., April 4. — Mrs. Harding received M. Rene Viviani, the former Premier of France, this afternoon. Mr. Viviani was accompanied by the French Ambassador, M. Jusserand, and he and Miss Laura Harlan, Mrs. Harding's secretary, served as interpreters, since Mr. Viviani speaks no English and Mrs. Harding no French. Later in the afternoon Mrs. Harding entertained at tea for a small group of newspaper women, the guests numbering thirty-five. Miss Harlan presided at the little table before the south window of the Red room and poured tea from the historic urn which Mrs. Wilson, as mistress of the White House, used when she entertained Mrs. Harding and from which Mrs. Harding later poured tea for Mrs. Wilson.

**SOCIAL NOTES.**  
Col. S. M. de Loffre, U. S. A., and Mrs. de Loffre, who recently returned to New York via Panama, after a year's sojourn in California, sailed to-day for Europe, where they will spend the next six months.  
The marriage of Miss Enid Desau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Desau, to Mr. Carl C. Storm will take place this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, 555 Park avenue.

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## Head of Christ Carved by Prisoner Put on Exhibition

Hundreds View Carving by Condemned Man and Fund for Shrine Is Started.

For the first time the public here had an opportunity yesterday to see the remarkable carving on a head of the head of Christ, done by a condemned prisoner in Spanish Honduras, when it was displayed in the Aetolian Building. From 11 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon the tiny object was viewed reverently by hundreds who passed the case holding it.

The Aetolian Company has given the use of the entrance hall for the exhibition, which will continue two or three weeks, and it is expected that a fund raised by the small entrance fees and supplemented by contributions will be sufficient to erect a shrine in which to permanently install the carving.

It was estimated that about 1,200 saw the "Christus de Profundis," as the carving is already called, yesterday. The attendance indicated a widespread interest in the enterprise in all walks of life. There were many women fashionably dressed among the spectators. There were at least 135 clergy, and there were two Spanish sailors who aroused great interest by the devotion they paid to the tiny work of art.

The two sailors, who were in the crowd waiting for admission when the doors opened at 11 o'clock, seemed to have been already aware of the history of the Christ head, and as they approached it took out foreign looking rosaries and said prayers audibly in Spanish all the while they were studying it.

The opinion of the visitors, as expressed to Mrs. Oliver Harriman, as other women of the committee who were in attendance, seemed unanimously in agreement that the head was worthy of a shrine. Frederick Macmonnies, eminent sculptor, was present saying that such poignancy of feeling has seldom been united to such precision of detail as is exhibited in this tiny carved head, which was named "Christus de Profundis" (Christ out of the Depths) by the late Bishop Charles Sumner Burch.

A design for a shrine already has been made by a young New York architect named Alexander Desertry, and it has already met with much approval. Among the women of the committee in attendance at the exhibition with Mrs. Harriman were Mrs. R. L. Parrish, Miss Anita Townsend, Mrs. Carter, and Mrs. Willis McCadden. They expressed gratification at the attitude of the public toward the carving.

## RENT SUMMER HOMES.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dana on West Island, L. I., which was purchased recently by Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, whose estate adjoins, will be occupied this season by Mrs. H. Harrison Williams of 777 Madison avenue. The estate was formerly the home of the late Charles A. Dana.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene W. Rous, who will occupy Winchester Hall at Bayville, L. I., this season, will have in commission shortly the steam yacht "Governor," which they sold to the Government at the beginning of the war and which Mr. Rous has just taken back from the Government.

Mrs. Ernest du Pont of Wilmington, Del., will pass the season at Hamptons Point, L. I., where she has leased the Theodore Roosevelt Hotel homestead on Manhasset Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos D. Carver are at Amnicott, Locust Valley, L. I., for the summer. With them are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford N. Carver, who will go abroad next week for a few days to pass time with relatives of Mrs. Carver.

Miss Helen Philae Maxwell, daughter of Gen. Sir John and Lady Maxwell of London.

## STUDENT CLUB GIVES PLAY.

Members of the Junior Dramatic Club of the Browning School gave a creditable presentation of "Treasure Island" in the PUNCH and Judy Theatre yesterday afternoon before an audience of delighted parents and friends. Franklin Park received a prologue to prepare the audience for the thrills that were to come. Bill Jones was impersonated by James M. Macfarlane and Hans Schiewind was Long John Silver. In the presentation of the play Mr. Arthur J. Jones, the headmaster, had the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman B. Tobin and Mr. Homer H. Howard.

## PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW YORK.

Miss Alice A. de Lamar and Miss Evangeline Brewster Johnson left by the Celtic last Saturday for Europe.

Dinner parties will be given to-night by Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly and Miss Annie B. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. John French and their family went yesterday to their house in Greenwich, Conn., for the summer.

Mrs. John Nicholas Brown of Newport, R. I., is at the Belmont Hotel for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hameyver have returned to Lisle, L. I., after an absence of a month in Cuba.

Miss Elizabeth Billings, who has been passing six weeks in Alken, S. C., has returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Chaffield-Taylor will pass the summer in Santa Barbara, Cal., instead of going to Italy as they had intended.

Mr. and Mrs. William Payne Thompson have arrived at the Ritz-Carlton from the South. They expect to sail for Europe the middle of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidway of St. Paul will return to-day from Alken, S. C., and will go to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele, at 11 East Sixty-second street.

Gen. and Mrs. Charles H. Sherrill have come from the Virginia Hot Springs to the St. Regis, where they will remain until sailing for Europe in a fortnight. Mrs. Sherrill is a daughter of Mr. Marshall Field 3d and lives there in Florida.

Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt will sail for England May 14 and will act as a judge of hackneys at the Olympia horse show to be held in London early in June. Afterward he will go to Paris, where he has taken an apartment, and will return to Newport in August.

Major and Mrs. John C. O. Marriott of London, the latter formerly Miss Maud E. Kahn of New York, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son in their London home last Saturday. Mrs. Marriott is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto H. Kahn. Mrs. Kahn is with her daughter.

In the St. Ambrose Chapel, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, this afternoon, Miss Evelyn Rives Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Breese Smith, will be married to Mr. Roderic Wellman, a son of Mr. Pringle L. Wellman. The reception will be held at 907 Fifth avenue, the home of Mrs. George L. Rives, aunt of the bride.

The British Ambassador and Lady Guinness were the guests of Col. Henry A. du Pont last evening at dinner.

M. Rene Viviani, former Premier of France, was the guest of honor last evening at a dinner given by Senator Medill McCormick at his home in F street.

The engagement of Lieut. William M. Milroy, son of the late Col. John D. Milroy and grandson of Brig.-Gen. Alfred Mordcau, to Miss Julia Athene Sidduth of Mississippi is announced. The wedding will take place April 20 at the Agricultural college in Mississippi, where Lieut. Milroy is on duty.

Vice-President and Mrs. Coolidge were entertained at dinner last night by Mr. and Mrs. A. Harriman. The Swiss Minister and Mme. Peter were among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Storrs Wells are at Chetwode for a short stay.

Mrs. Burke Roche arrived from New York and is at her Bellevue avenue estate for a few days prior to sailing for Europe.

Mr. William H. Vanderbilt returned to New York yesterday after an inspection of his estate, Oakland Farm.

TO WED MISS LOUISE BALDWIN.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Delavan Baldwin of 615 Fifth avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise Baldwin, to Mr. George Wyckoff Vanderhoof, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wyckoff Vanderhoof of the Hotel New Yorker.

Mr. Vanderhoof was a captain in the Eleventh Division during the war. For years he was a member of Squadron A. He belongs to the University and Princeton clubs and the Holland Society.

Miss Jeanette Wright Kelly, daughter of Mrs. William J. Kelly of 210 Riverside Drive, was married yesterday in the Church of the Holy Name to Father Kerwin of that parish, who also said the nuptial mass. The bride was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Kelly. Mr. Edward Kavanagh served as best man. The couple will go to Hot Springs, Va., on their wedding trip and will live in Trenton, N. J.

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## "Nemesis," New Melodrama by Augustus Thomas, Not Impressive



Miss Olive Tell and Pedro de Cordoba in "Nemesis."

Emmett Corrigan and Miss Olive Tell Have Leading Parts in Play.

HUDSON THEATRE—"NEMESIS," drama, by Augustus Thomas. Miss Olive Tell, Pedro de Cordoba, and Emmett Corrigan. The scene of the murder did not awaken the enthusiasm of the audience to such a degree that the curtain was lifted, nor was the author called on at that time for the usual speech. The trial scene ending on an unresolved chord, needs the final scene, which revealed the approach to the execution with his half hinted suggestion of his guilt on the part of the husband who had sent the innocent lover to the chair. Even after this climax the ardor of the spectators was restrained. "Nemesis," whatever its effect may be on subsequent gatherings, failed to impress its audience with the same force with the extreme proximity of its scenes.

Emmett Corrigan acted the jealous husband with complete detachment and shared obviously about at the other characters as if they were strange birds in an aviary that it was interesting to watch, but dangerous to know well. He was really sincere only in the last scene, when he revealed his love for the lover with the necessary fervor. John Clair was rhetorically eloquent as the prosecuting attorney. Miss Olive Tell was the victim, a woman of noble and even a wholehearted acceptance of the original Bell telephone company in Boston, died in the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to-day of uremia. He was 42 years old.

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## STARR J. MURPHY DEAD IN FLORIDA

Was John D. Rockefeller's Personal Counsel and Agent in Charities.

Starr J. Murphy, personal counsel and general representative of John D. Rockefeller in the various charities and benefactions to which Mr. Rockefeller has devoted himself for the last twenty years, died yesterday at Daytona, Fla., following an operation performed in an attempt to relieve him of an attack of acute indigestion.

Mr. Murphy went to Florida two weeks ago from his home in Montclair, N. J., as a guest of Mr. Rockefeller, and a week after his arrival suffered an attack of acute indigestion. He was operated on and seemed to rally, but on Saturday last a second operation was found to be necessary. From this he did not rally.

Mr. Murphy became personal counsel to John D. Rockefeller twenty years ago, previously having been connected with the Rockefeller benefactions in an advisory capacity for about five years.

He was born in Avon, Conn. in 1869, a son of the Rev. Elijah Murphy, and was graduated from Amherst College in 1891 and from the law school of Columbia University in 1894.

Mr. Murphy began the practice of law in this city as a clerk and later as a member in the firm of Hornblower, Byrne, Tabor & Miller, but on Saturday last a second operation was found to be necessary. From this he did not rally.

Mr. Murphy leaves a widow, a son and four daughters.

## DR. T. B. DOOLITTLE, INVENTOR, IS DEAD

Said to Have Devised Telephone Switchboard.

Boston, April 4.—Dr. Thomas Benjamin Doolittle of Bradford, Conn., telephone engineer, said to have originated the telephone switchboard and associated in the organization of the original Bell telephone company in Boston, died in the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to-day of uremia. He was 42 years old.

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## EDMUND C. CONVERSE HAS SUDDEN DEATH

Noted Financier and Former Bank President Succumbs to Heart Disease.

Edmund C. Converse, noted financier, who was the first president of the Bankers Trust Company, died suddenly yesterday of heart disease at Pasadena, Cal. The news of his death came as a shock to his friends here, for the last word received from him stated that he was enjoying his stay in the West, a large part of his time being passed on the golf links.

Mr. Converse was born in Boston in 1849, the son of James C. Converse, who was the first president of the National Tube Works Company, the parent of the present National Tube Company, which his son later headed.